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Date: 22 May 1950

To: D/In

From: Publications Division, Projects Planning

Subject: World Federation of United Nations Association

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Case [REDACTED]

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- ~~Requesting for information on the~~
1. Request all information on the ~~WEE~~ WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS
 2. A copy of the cable in which reference to this organization is made is included with this request. The requester is unable to furnish the Cable Number.
 3. Degree of need is standard.

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WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

April 19, 1950

To

Certain American Diplomatic and Consular Officers

Department has some information indicating that the World Federation of United Nations Associations may be developing a "communist front" line under the leadership of Secretary General John A.F. Ennals. At the recent session of the Economic and Social Council Mr. Ennals hewed pretty close to straight "party line". Department has been advised to watch the national branches of the organization, especially in European capitals. Would appreciate whatever information or indication confirming statement may be available, since United States branch influential and responsible.

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	(STOCKHOLM)	AmLegation	Luxembourg
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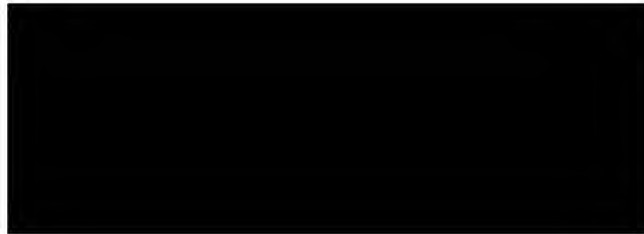
MEMORANDUM FOR: ORE, D/Pub 25X1A
ATTENTION : 
SUBJECT : World Federation of United Nations Associations
REFERENCE : Case  25X1A

1. It is requested that this office be furnished all available information on the WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS. It is understood that data will be included in ORE IP-119.

2. This memorandum confirms conversation between  of this office.

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IP-119: The World Federation of United Nations Associations

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COMMENT. Available information on the World Federation of United Nations Associations is somewhat meager and not up to date. It seems clear, however, that it can in no way be classed as a Communist "front" organization [redacted]

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[redacted] and at least one National Association (Cuba) is thought to be definitely Communist-dominated. There is nothing specific to indicate that Communists have been instructed to "bore from within."

ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSES. The WFUNA was organized in August 1946 through the efforts of United Nations Associations already established in Canada, China, France, the UK and the US. These were largely composed of members of older organizations such as the World Federation for the League of Nations and the International Peace Society. WFUNA's first Assembly, attended by 19 nations and representatives of 16 organizations (none of a Communist cast), had as its aim the organization of an "international federation of national United Nations Associations--working for world peace and security through the UN "to promote understanding and support of the UN and understanding of the peoples of the world through the exchange of books, ideas, films, radio, etc.

The National Associations of which the Federation is composed must have at least 500 members and are represented at the annual Assembly by delegations of 5 members each. A General Council of 3 members from each country meets twice yearly, while an Executive Committee of 11 members, elected for 3 years by the Assembly, meets at least 4 times a year. The balance of WFUNA work is carried out by a Secretariat and the following permanent committees: Economic, Human Rights, Education, Summer Schools, and Student. In 1949, 26 nations, including Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia, were members; 7 other nations enjoyed associate membership. Through the affiliation of various organizations with the National Associations, the aggregate membership comes to about 20 million, although only about 250,000 people are classed as individual members. The USSR is not represented in the WFUNA.

ACTIVITIES. The WFUMA supports the UN through: (a) dissemination of knowledge about the UN through seminars, summer schools, publications, etc.; and (b) direct presentation to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the views and resolutions formulated by its Assembly. It issues pamphlets, distributes UN material and claims to publish periodicals in New York, Canada and 7 European capitals. With 8 other organizations, it enjoys a privileged consultative status with ECOSOC and has close and official relations with such UN Specialized Agencies as UNESCO, WHO and FAO.

ATTITUDES. The WFUMA position on political, economic and social issues in the UN can be called liberal. It endorses, for example, Secretary General Lie's 10-point, 20-year peace program which calls for a new approach toward international control of atomic energy, armed forces for the UN, universal membership in the UN, and the advancement and development of colonial and underdeveloped countries. Its approach to these questions, however, does not resemble that of the "front" organizations.

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COMMUNIST PENETRATION. This office has no conclusive information on Communist penetration and influence in the WFUMA or its national components. The following replies concerning the national associations were received, however, in answer to a State Department circular sent to 2 African and 7 European capitals.

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Netherlands: doing good work; no question whatever about political reliability;

Norway: Association initiated by Foreign Minister Lange...could not possibly be under any Communist influence;

Sweden: (called Association for International Collaboration) Genuinely democratic; does not see eye to eye with one of its "locals," the UN Association at Goteborg which it would expel if it could. The Association at Goteborg seems to be clearly Communist-dominated.

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Algiers: no evidence of the development of a Communist front;

Czechos: (called Society for International Relations) Communist-controlled;

Cuba: (Information not received in connection with Department circular)

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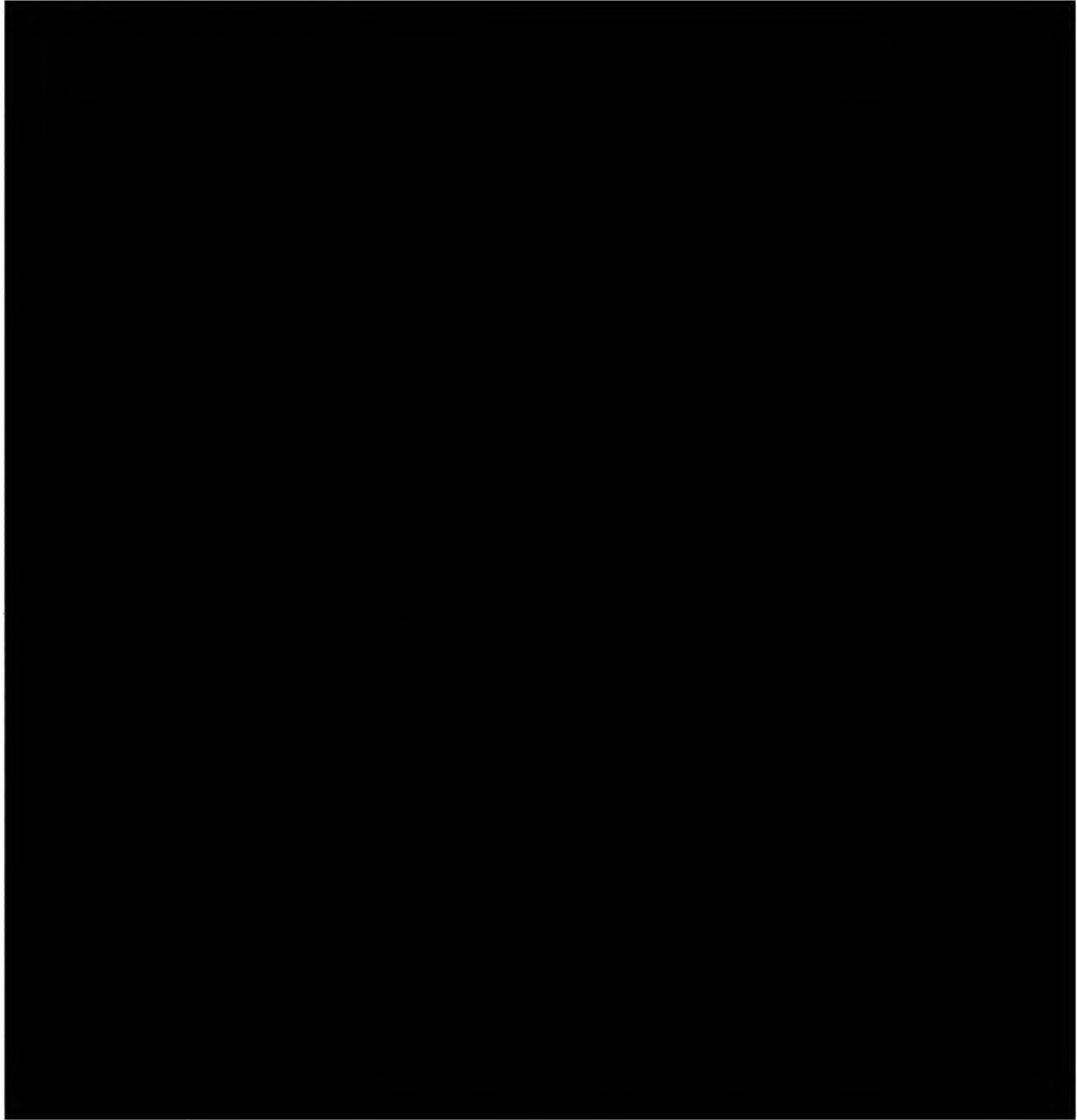
Cuba, conf "Primarily a Communist-front organization" started in December 1946

Cuba, conf [REDACTED] Group includes several prominent, non-Communist personages such as the Cuban Minister of Education.

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Date 2 August 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

SUBJECT: Transmission of Draft Report

ENCLOSURE: The World Federation of United Nations Associations
(3 copies)

1. Enclosure is forwarded herewith for review and, if required, for formal coordination with the departmental intelligence organizations.

2. This draft report has been coordinated informally with the organizations checked below:

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Chief (Acting)

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